

Bay Shore Beautification Society Newsletter, May 2009

Looks like it's happening again...spring is here with tons of daffodil and hyacinth bulbs in bloom. Have you seen the Reflection Garden? It is a blaze of spring color with all the hundreds of new bulbs that were planted this past winter finally in full bloom. And just wait until the flower baskets are hung on May 21! Driving through Main Street to see this wonderful mass of color does wonders for our spirits! The baskets which hang from spring through the fall are a beautiful addition to our town, with the program being coordinated for Beautification by **Mary Louise Cohen**. Each year we need to raise the money so that it can continue, and a form for sponsoring a hanging basket is enclosed. This important program needs your support!

Beautification expects to continue its work this spring/summer on filling the tree surrounds throughout the downtown area with liriopse grass. This job has been more than challenging with the cement-like dirt that surrounds the trees making it difficult to grow anything but the hardiest plants.

The Beautification Luncheon, *An Asian Persuasion*, will be held on Wednesday, June 24, at Captain Bill's Bayview House. This beautiful luncheon is highly anticipated each year and fills up quickly, so please send in your reservation form (which can be accessed by going to www.bayshore-brightwaters.com and clicking on the Beautification rose or calling one of the phone numbers below.)

Gardeners! Do you have a garden that can be seen from the street? Enter your garden in our **Street Garden Contest**. Designed to encourage gardens that enhance the beauty of our community, ten gardens are selected as winners each year. Chaired by Beautification member **Jennifer Hoffman**, winners are honored at a special gathering, presented with hand-painted garden plaques and photos of their gardens which are also displayed in the library.

It's time to **Nominate Your Neighbor!** Do you have a favorite house (or houses) that you admire every time you pass by? Send us the name of the owner (if known) and the address and we will send them a beautiful certificate honoring them for the impeccable care given to their home. You may choose to include your name or not. You can mail the information or email us at beautification@bayshore-brightwaters.com. People are thrilled to get this certificate in the mail, and you've done your part to encourage people to continue keeping our community beautiful. **Gwen Cox and Pauli Attasani** co-chair this program for Beautification.

Do you know a landscaper who might be willing to donate services to maintain one of various areas throughout Bay Shore? Several landscapers, including **Billy Knapp** and **Michael Falconer**, are already volunteering to maintain several areas throughout the town. Please consider asking your gardener if he would be willing to assist with improving the appearance of some of Bay Shore's public areas.

Come join us for the Beautification meeting on Thursday, May 21, 7 PM at the Jerry Berka Building at the District Office at the High School. We'd love to have you attend and hear your ideas for making Bay Shore even more beautiful. Call Sue at 666 9517 or Gail at 665 3237 for information.